

## Grammar Crammer- Forms of Adjectives

Adjectives have three forms: Absolute, Comparative, and Superlative.

**Absolute** is an adjective in its base form when two things are NOT being compared.

Ex: Hungry boy; silly dog; friendly neighbor

**Comparative** is the adjective used when two things are being compared.

He is hungrier than me; This dog is sillier than that one; He is a friendlier neighbor.

**Superlative** is the adjective form used when three or more things are being compared.

He is the hungriest in class; That is the silliest dog in the world; He is the friendliest neighbor I've known!

Practice:

1. My mother is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman.

- Smart
- Smarter
- Smartest

2. The surgeon worked \_\_\_\_\_ to stabilize the patient.

- Quickly
- Most quickly
- More quickly

3. We ran \_\_\_\_\_ than we did last week.

- Fast
- Faster
- Fastest

4. After the party, the house was the \_\_\_\_\_ it's ever been.

- Messy
- Messier
- Messiest

5. Name the type of comparing adjective in each sentence:

- A. Jinx is a hairy dog.
- B. She has the bluest eyes I've ever seen.
- C. He made me madder than I've been in a long time.
- D. We felt more excited than ever when we heard the news.

6. Choose the sentence with the positive form comparing adjective:
- A. This book is more interesting than that one.
  - B. The story we heard this week was as interesting as last week's.
  - C. This is one of the most interesting stories I've ever heard.
7. Which of the following sentences contains a comparing adjective in the comparative form?
- A. We've had a run of bad luck lately.
  - B. This is the worst snowstorm we have had in ten years.
  - C. Your injury is worse than mine.
8. Which of the following sentences contains a comparing adjective in the superlative form?
- A. She is not as mean as her older sister is.
  - B. This is the least exciting movie I've ever seen.
  - C. Mr. Brown is more boring than Mr. Philips.

Words confused:

In the sentences below, pick the proper form of the word confused.

- 1. He ran slow/slowly in the track meet yesterday.
- 2. My cat meows loud/louder/loudest than his cat.
- 3. For tomorrow, send him and I/me the computer file.
- 4. He learned his lesson good/well.
- 5. The weather effects/affects my allergies.
- 6. He went to there/their/they're piano recital.
- 7. This game is to/too confusing!
- 8. Several species of fish is/are native to Pennsylvania.
- 9. The men in the back of the truck is/are wearing seatbelts.
- 10. The lyrics of the song "Positively 4<sup>th</sup> Street" is/are interesting!